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In re Application of

Katsunori TAKADA, et al.

Serial No.: 10/762,559

Filed: January 23, 2004

STEEL FOR USE IN HIGH STRENGTH PINION SHAFT AND

MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Box AF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

For:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 8, 2007, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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